

# WHISKEY RINGS OF BUFFALO DO BRISK TRAFFIC

Lake Port Thrives on Booze  
Obtained From  
Canada.

OFFICERS HELPLESS  
Most of Liquor Transported  
to New York City  
for Sale.

LAW ENFORCEMENT IS LAX

Juries Won't Convict, and  
Judges Reject Evidence in  
Many Cases.

Herewith is published the fourth of a series of articles setting forth the results of an investigation of wholesale liquor smuggling across the Canadian border, made by a staff correspondent of The New York Herald, who travelled along the border from Maine to Michigan for the purpose of making this investigation. What the correspondent found will be published in these columns, day by day, through the week.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald, Buffalo, Nov. 9.—It was just after the middle of last month that Edwin G. Waters, chief prohibition enforcement agent for this district, announced that he had cut off, or believed he had cut off, the chief source of supply by which Buffalo obtains its whiskey from Canada.

On the day preceding his announcement fifteen automobiles were seized between dark and midnight in the environs of the city, and all of them were found to contain grain alcohol for use in compounding synthetic whiskey. All of the cars were new, high priced and speedy, and, according to Mr. Waters, were working in combination or as part of one organization, under control, of course, of the "invisible master mind" always lurking in the background.

Each of the seized cars was found to contain about seven gallons of grain alcohol, and all of the men arrested when the cars were caught were found to be residents of Buffalo. Mr. Waters insists that even since national prohibition came to pass the running of Canadian whiskey into Buffalo has been carried on as an organized and highly profitable business; that there is a ring which controls the distribution and price, and an exchange where retailers come to purchase it and supply themselves with labels and forged revenue stamps as well. Practically all whiskey coming through from Canada into the United States, Mr. Waters insists, is sold under spurious labels and stamps and has no claim to the name of whiskey at all.

Trade for New York City.  
Mr. Waters explained also that only a small part of the Canadian liquor, which is transported in the region of Buffalo remains in Buffalo for consumption. Most of it, he says, goes down into southern New York and to New York city. And on the other hand, many of the cars which carry it to New York city return from there with whiskey smuggled out of bond, which is duly sold in Buffalo and vicinity for the use of those who are ready to pay well and are afraid to put their tips to the Canadian hootch.

The lawfully minded of Buffalo are enthusiastic about Mr. Waters, and they applaud his probity and his zeal, but they do not for a moment imagine that he will drive the run of the whiskey routes between New York and Canada, rather than to catch smugglers in the field. He, with others, concedes that the order given is rather a considerable one, but the two are all he has to spare, and they must do the best they can.

No one else in this part of the State considers that one ring is in control of all the liquor that is coming in. Everybody knows that all sorts of freelance and small combine runners are carrying alcohol and whiskey from Canada into points about here and from the various American rendezvous to Syracuse, Albany, Boston and New York. The Niagara River fronts a good supply of boats into the United States every night; one can get all one requires on either side of Niagara Falls, and plenty of it. Loaded into this way down the Ontario side of Lake Erie, it is sent across for the benefit of thirty Buffalonians on every dark night, and frequently in broad day as well.

Few Are Convicted.  
Agent Waters may, by such methods as he can control, discourage the bootleggers all he may, but there is something he cannot control which encourages them vastly. Many are accused in Buffalo, but none seen over to reach jail. It is a fact that the Federal juries which have been trying whiskey runners have turned them out one and all.

The runners have taken heart of grace also from a recent decision of United States Commissioner George P. Keating, who has ruled that a suspicion of whiskey running gives no enforcement officer the right to hold a car up and search it. His decision was rendered in the case of Edward Miller of Scranton, Pa., who was arraigned on the charge that when his automobile was searched it was found to contain \$700 worth of whiskey.

Another section of the law, if any, empowered you to make the search? asked the Commissioner of the enforcement agent, who came in as complainant. The agent was a little vague, but insisted that since whiskey had been found the result justified him. But the court overruled him. The Commissioner declared, "protection citizens against unreasonable search. That right cannot be annulled by a dozen prohibition laws, and so long as I remain a Magistrate I shall try to see that citizens are secured in that right."

The court also had something to say in respect to a young woman who had been riding in the car with Miller. She

had been greatly dismayed when the car was held up and searched, and over her protest that if there was any whiskey anywhere in it she knew nothing of its presence. She was taken to a hotel and detained there while she was questioned in an endeavor to obtain evidence from her against Miller. Miller was discharged on the day of his arraignment and his counsel at once declared that he would prefer charges, on the girl's behalf, against the agents who had detained her.

The same day Commissioner Keating discharged Charles Kuzon, in whose home customs agents had seized a case of Canadian whiskey, pointing out that it was not illegal for a householder to possess whiskey and that there was no warrant in law for searching his home. The customs men had based their case on information given them by Canadian authorities, but the court ruled that that information was not evidence.

Once again, as to Agent Waters' whiskey ring. There is no evidence to show that it had domination or control over Patrick C. Stynes, or Paddy Lavin, as he was known professionally, a prize fighter of Buffalo, who climbed through the ropes of the squared circle during last summer and embraced a career upon the road.

Paddy's fame and memory remain even, but he has taken his last drive from Buffalo to the big city of New York, for he was killed when his car overturned in a ditch near Albany and pinned him beneath it. In his pockets were found \$5,000 and he also had a bank draft for \$3,000 more. The administrator of his estate has declared that it amounts to something over \$14,000, all in personal property. When Lavin quit the game on the same day he began to take on flesh and had no money at all.

His death was due, almost primarily, to a certain disinclination he had toward giving away money. He had told friends of his that the pleasures of automobile racing and the pleasures of the game which he had been playing since he emerged from shabby and displaying badges in the darkness, represented themselves to be enforcement agents and demanded tribute.

Thick With Road Agents.  
The roads, particularly between New York and Albany, were thick with them, he complained, and every one who stopped at a roadside and received \$10, Lavin, to be quit of them and after an intensive study of the road maps, worked out a course by lonely roads to Albany, and it was while he was traveling on them on a black night that his car lurched into an unsuspected ditch and crushed him beneath it.

Two youths who put up at a Buffalo hotel in the middle of last month testified to a extortion on the road. They were both from New York, they said, and had passed the night in one of the best suites in the house. Paying their bill at the hotel, they were told that they had to pay a "road tax" of \$10, and stating that they would be on their way, one of them walked to the cashier's window and asked to have a \$1,000 bill changed into tens. He was told that he was wanted with all those small bills, he answered quite frankly that he was "in the business" between Buffalo and "down the river" and that "when you are on the road, you have to be well heeled with tens."

"It is impossible," said a man at a country club in this neighborhood last Saturday night, "to get a man from there to take the risks of running on the roads should be craven enough to hand out money to any one who asks them. I don't believe it."

He looked about the table where he was sitting and saw one of the party working in arithmetic on the back of an envelope.

"I'm not inclined to believe it if you don't," said the arithmetician, "but I go out and try my theory I'm trying to figure how much money the runners have charged me for this road tax. I don't believe it."

Concluding his calculation he took another drink and his departure. He had stopped twenty-one cars in an hour and a half and that drivers of nine of them had handed him a \$10 bill as soon as he wished them the time of night.

"I figured that the road only owed me \$66," he said, "but the last boy I stopped he handed me a \$100 bill. Getting a drink in Buffalo city is no great achievement. All you need to do is to have somebody—almost anybody—introduce you at almost the first saloon. Two or three of them will take care of your counterfeits all day, some of them all night. Drunken men are uncommon but not especially rare upon the streets; on the contrary, they are everywhere to be able to get all they want."

A good deal of liquor comes in by boat along the waterfront and is received under upstate and taken from there a little at a time. The police and Coast Guard have learned the significance of power boats, which giving every evidence of distress in bad weather, no distress signal. They are always key boats, and the men in them always hang on to the last gasp before they are willing to signal the shore for help. The Niagara with tradition of coming to the visitor to its natural wonder to play out all the money which can be extracted from him on any pretext, is doing a fine business in illegal booze. The source of supply, just across the river at any point reasonably above or below the falls, is so near that the profit of selling on the American side is enormous, and any business man, guide or hotel servant is ready to lead the tourist to where it can be obtained.

There is another feature of the working out of prohibition in Buffalo which is giving the police more than common concern. This is the institution of the night club by criminals. When the saloons were working in the good old way, the police were not too busy with the resorts of criminals and the police could always walk in or out of them and keep an eye on what might be going on.

Criminals Form Clubs.  
But now that drink is illegal the criminal classes have formed the club habit, and the police are not too busy with the resorts of criminals and the police could always walk in or out of them and keep an eye on what might be going on.

# EXPECT DEMAND FOR BIG BOOZE SEIZURE

10,000,000 Gallons to Be Withdrawn Following Supreme Court Ruling.

WON'T AID RESTAURANTS

Traffic Will Be Easier to Detect, Say Dry Law Agents.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald, New York, Nov. 9.—Applications for permission to move millions of dollars worth of liquor are expected by officials of the Internal Revenue Bureau as a result of the Supreme Court decision that liquor lawfully acquired for personal use is not subject to seizure, regardless of whether it is stored in the owner's home or not.

It was estimated by officials here that there are about 10,000,000 gallons of liquors for personal consumption which have been stored in warehouses of various character and which now can be taken to the home of the owner.

Besides this, there are thousands of persons who have liquor stored in their homes who want to get it into some safer place. A. B. Adams of the prohibition enforcement division said he knew of persons who had acquired liquor lawfully and stored it in their homes, but were afraid to go away at night for fear burglars would get the liquor.

The rush for permits is now expected to come from persons who want to get their liquor to their homes in quantities sufficient to drink, but not sufficient to tempt burglars, and from persons who have stored liquor in their homes and now desire to get it out. The Internal Revenue Bureau is not ready to furnish permits, and will not be until the mandate of the Supreme Court in the case of William G. Street against the Lincoln Safe Deposit Company, which brought about the decision, is issued. Meantime a system of granting permits will be worked out.

While prohibition enforcement officials were inclined to agree with Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, that the decision would make the work of enforcement more difficult, they pointed out that it would not enable any one who did not have liquor prior to January 16, 1919, to acquire it lawfully now. In one respect they believed it even might help them because it would make more difficult the stealing of liquor and its subsequent sale by bootleggers.

Prohibition officials and Mr. Wheeler also emphasized that it would still be necessary for a person to get a permit to take liquor from one place to another. By this means they hope they will be able to scrutinize all requests for large withdrawals of liquor and to keep a close watch on the person withdrawing them to make sure that he is not withdrawing to sell.

Without having seen the decision of the Supreme Court the official opinion was inclined to believe that the quantity of liquor in bonded warehouses will be affected. If, however, any person owned such liquor prior to the enactment of the Volstead law and declared it for personal use officials could see no obstacle to withdrawing it.

Lawyers did not restate to declare that the decision would not be a setback for the prohibitionists, which covered liquor for personal use only.

JURY ACQUITS TWO OF MAKING LIQUOR

New Bedford Men Tried After Discovery of a Still.

Boston, Nov. 9.—The first trial by jury in New England for manufacturing liquor in violation of the Federal prohibition law resulted in acquittal of the defendants, Louis Barros and Manuel S. Sarrao of New Bedford, to-day. Ellery Sedgwick, editor of the Atlantic Monthly, was foreman of the Federal district court jury which reached its verdict after an hour's deliberation.

Prohibition enforcement officers testified that they found the men on June 15 last on a road eight miles out of New Bedford, apparently leaving a shanty in which six stills, known as "cuckoo" stills, were later discovered. Barros had a bottle of moonshine whiskey in a pocket, an overcoat belonging to him was found in the shack and, after denying knowledge of the stills, he admitted making liquor with them. It was testified. In defense Barros repudiated the confession and said his coat was left in the shack to dry after a rainstorm.

STORES CLOSED UNTIL STATE LIFTS TAXES

Ban on Rum, Cards, Tobacco Brings Argentine Protest.

By the Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 9.—A protest against the heavy taxes placed by the Cordoba provincial authorities on alcoholic liquors, tobacco and playing cards, all the wholesale and retail storekeepers in that province have declared a strike, and passed a resolution to close their shops November 15, and to keep them closed until the law is annulled.

The taxes were imposed in order to check what the legislators described as a tendency on the part of the people to overindulge in drinking, smoking and gambling.

NO BOOZE, LESS LUMBER.

Falling Off in Production Attributed to Prohibition.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald, Chicago, Nov. 9.—Prohibition and the inability of lumber jacks in Wisconsin and Michigan to obtain liquor since the beginning of the dry era were cited as the chief causes for the recent falling off of production in the lumber industry at a meeting to-day in the Congress Hotel of the Northern Hemlock Association.

Twenty lumber dealers from lumber States in the Central West are in conference at the meeting for the purpose of investigating housing conditions.

\$110,000 IN RUM SEIZED.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 9.—Seven hundred cases of bottled goods and sixteen barrels of whiskey, valued at \$110,000, were seized this afternoon by M. J. Marston, prohibition agent, on the premises of H. S. Stahler, in this city.

# HOTEL MEN ADVISED NOT TO SELL LIQUOR

Latest Court Decision Interpreted by Their Counsel.

Hotel men of the State in convention at the Commodore were advised yesterday by Frank A. Boland, counsel for the association, that the decision of the United States Supreme Court permitting the withdrawal of liquor from bonded warehouses did not carry with it privilege to sell. He advised the members not to make sales, and added, "That is as far as we can go now."

The members were informed by John K. Hatchford of Chicago, president of the American Hotel Association, that the interests of the hotel men had been protected during the year, adverse legislation in most cases having been defeated. The hotel men are to have a Washington bureau to increase this vigilance, he announced.

The following officers were elected: President, Elmore C. Green, Hotel Irons; Vice-president, Edward W. Crandall, Godfrey Farm Hotel, White Plains; treasurer, Edward M. Tierney, Hotel Ansonia; secretary, Mark A. Cadwell, 334 Fifth avenue; assistant secretary, Archie Hall, Hotel, Centrepark, L. I.

30 LIQUOR ARRESTS UNDER LAW OF 1872

New Jersey Men Accused of Selling Less Than Quarts.

Without reference to the Volstead act, but operating under authority of a State law adopted in 1872, thirty saloonkeepers of Essex county, N. J., were arrested yesterday at the instance of County Prosecutor Harrison. They were charged with selling liquor in less than quart quantities.

Last September Chief Justice Gummere of the New Jersey Supreme Court advised the Essex county authorities that the State law prohibiting the sale of liquor in less than quart quantities was unconstitutional. The law was adopted in 1872, and the court decision was made in 1919.

The arrest was made at Newark, Orange, Belleville and Nutley. Indictments will be asked.

PUP PEDLER UNBELTS WHEN LOCKED IN CELL

Fined \$5, Tries to Borrow, Saying He Has Only \$3.50.

Joseph Pizzari, aged 36, of 47 Orchard street, was standing in front of the Waldorf-Astoria peddling French poodle puppies yesterday afternoon when two puppies jumped out of a burial bag in which he was carrying them. One ran into the hotel and the other in the street. The police caught the pup in the street and rescued. Detective John Keefe happened along and arrested Pizzari for peddling without a license.

He was fined \$5 by Magistrate Ten Eyck in Jefferson Market Court. Pizzari announced he had only \$3.50 and tried to borrow the other \$1.50 from the detective. Keefe could let him have only \$1, but a court attendant offered to supply the remaining 50 cents. Magistrate Ten Eyck refused to accept the borrowed money and Pizzari was led away. An hour later the peddler paid his fine with a \$20 bill.

2 SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN DONAHUE MURDER

Crime Is Attributed to Gasoline Thieves.

DANBURY, Conn., Nov. 9.—Few news details in connection with the shooting of Arthur V. Donahue, a New York newspaper reporter, on the outskirts of the village of Newtown Saturday night were brought out during the inquest this afternoon by Coroner John J. Phelan of Bridgeport.

A highway inspector, however, said that a night thirty-nine gallons of gasoline were taken from a tank close by the scene of the shooting. The State police have been that the two men who were the assailants had been stealing gasoline. The highway inspector said that he had found a can of gasoline in the trunk of the car which was the scene of the shooting. The State police have been that the two men who were the assailants had been stealing gasoline.

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# COURT RULING WON'T AID LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Booze to Be Released Only If Already Registered, Says Dry Agent Here.

NO HOPE FOR RUM CLUBS

Stocks in Bond to Be Watched Carefully Against Illegal Sales.

Persons who thought they saw hope and sunshine in the decision of the United States Supreme Court ruling that a citizen who has liquor stored in a warehouse may move it to his dwelling were disappointed when officials declared yesterday that the decision will not help anybody who hoped to use it for illegal ends.

Frank L. Boyd, supervising prohibition agent for this district, pointed out that the owner of liquor in storage must have filed affidavit of his ownership by February 10, 1920. Under the law, Mr. Boyd said, the liquor may be moved, but it must be in his club to keep liquor there. He will go after all clubs where members do not conform to this rule.

William H. Hirst, attorney for the New York State Brewers Association, and counsel to Society of Restaurateurs, warned against the anti-liquor law which Gov.-elect Miller is expected to propose to the Legislature.

Mr. Hirst insists that now is the time to declare for reasonableness in drinking. He says that under the Supreme Court decision Congress has a right to legislate so that citizens may set their own standard of what is intoxicating, and that if the people will make themselves properly heard at Washington as soon as the bill is introduced, they will have a chance to bring beer and light wine within the law.

Three agents sent by Mr. Boyd into the East Side yesterday seized in a saloon in Cannon street a whole barrel of whiskey and another of grain alcohol. Three more of his agents, following complaint by the commandant at West Point, seized a barrel of whiskey and arrested two restaurant keepers and one keeper of a saloon. Complaint had been made that cadets from the United States Military Academy had been supplied with hooch by the publicans.

There was a slight for the populace in Perth Amboy, N. J., yesterday when arrested Government agents removed \$200,000 worth of liquor from a warehouse. There were 118 barrels and 947 cases, all of which was taken to Newark. It was seized following a Philadelphia liquor shipment to Philadelphia. There were also raids and arrests elsewhere in New Jersey yesterday, including two each in Millville, Nutley, South Orange and Millburn.

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# WILL FIGHT BAREFES DOCTOR'S SUICIDE

Dr. H. S. Kinnmonth of Asbury Park Killed Himself Rather Than Go to Jail.

TRAFFICKED IN LIQUOR

Relatives Go to Court, as \$310,000 Estate Was Left to Spring Lake Woman.

Court proceedings brought yesterday by relatives at Freehold, N. J., in an attempt to break his will and thus obtain a reappointment of a \$310,000 estate revealed that Dr. Hugh S. Kinnmonth, a prominent Asbury Park physician, committed suicide at his seaside home last July rather than serve a brief jail sentence for illegal traffic in liquor. His will left the entire estate to Mrs. Viola Remsen Humphrey of Spring Lake.

Dr. William L. Kinnmonth of Belmar, Miss Anna B. Kinnmonth of Delphi, N. Y. and John A. Kinnmonth of Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, brothers and sisters of the physician, are the contestants.

In the testimony before Judge Lawrence yesterday it was stated that after his conviction Dr. Kinnmonth was freed under bond so that he might settle personal matters. Joseph C. Patterson, a drug dealer at Asbury Park, said the physician came to the store where he was employed to have a paper signed. Patterson and another clerk fixed their signatures to the paper and later heard it was a will. Dr. Kinnmonth, he said, appeared to be about to collapse. The physician left, saying he never would go to jail.

Dr. Kinnmonth passed a few days in jail, going to his home at night. Then he committed suicide.

EARTH SHOCK IN OREGON.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 9.—What is believed to have been a small earthquake was felt in Portland at 12:15 o'clock this morning. The tremors lasted for about 15 seconds, but it is said no damage has so far been reported.

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